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End of the Deficit.

Those free trade organs that have
been indulging in comments regarding
the deficiency in revenues under the
Dingley bill, and freely predicting that
the measure would not prove a revenue
producer, are forced now to admit once
more that their prophecies have miscar-
ried. The forthcoming monthly state-
ment of the government receipts and ex-
penditures will bear out the confident as-
sertion of the friends of the bill that as
soon as the large quantity of advance
importations that were rushed into the
country in anticipation of increased
duties were consumed, the Dingley law
would vindicate itself as a revenue pro-
ducer.

It is stated officially that the increase
from customs this month have so far
exceeded that of November that a sur-
plus will be left for the month. Aside
from the receipts on account of the Pacific
railroad matter the total receipts for the
month would have exceeded the ex-
penditures, and it is now assured that,
with the exception of January, when
large interest payments are due, the re-
maining months of the fiscal year will
each produce a surplus.

This is very gratifying to the friends
of the Dingley measure, and is a suffi-
cient vindication of the judgment of the
farmers, who have not been disturbed by
the criticisms of the free traders who
were so confident that it would prove a
failure. A great many rash things that
have been said by these critics will
now have to be recalled. Aside from its
revenue producing features the Dingley
bill is affording ample protection to
many branches of industry and the bene-
fits are being daily felt throughout the
country.

The outlook for the coming year is
bright, with promise for the efficiency of
the new fiscal policy of the government,
and the Republican position will be sus-
tained. In the meantime the calamity-
ites and the free traders will be left
without a peg to stand upon. The dawn
of the new calendar year, so full of hope
and encouragement, is but the forecast
of what is to follow, and by the end of
the fiscal year, on the 30th of June next,
every prediction concerning the Dingley
bill is likely to be fulfilled.

In Chairman Dingley's speech before
the house, summing up the debate, be-
fore the bill was passed, he said that he
was confident that by the beginning of
January the new law would prove its
adequacy as a revenue measure, and the
treasury statement for the present
month will show how nearly right he
was. The deficit will be a thing of the
past, and the croakers will retire from
the field in pretty much the same condi-
tion that they have found themselves in
on previous occasions when their predic-
tions concerning Republican tariff leg-
islation have failed.

Letter a Benefactor.

While young Leiter, of Chicago, may
not have intended to establish for him-
self a reputation as a philanthropist, the
direct effect of his wheat dealings has
been such that the country has reason to
congratulate itself that he made the
plunge he did. He has enabled the
farmers to still further prosper by rais-
ing the price of wheat to a figure that is
justified by the conditions. The Phila-
delphia Inquirer truthfully declares that
except for Leiter's courage, and his de-
termination to get a fair price for wheat,
the foreigners would have been laying in
their supply of American wheat at prices
which would not pay the cost of the crop.
The Inquirer says:

All America can stand still long
enough to congratulate itself upon the
possession of a Leiter. Chicago should
be proud of possessing a citizen to be al-
most the first American heavy-weight to
jump on the right side of the supply and
demand saw-saw that stretches across
the Atlantic ocean. All the little feath-
er-weight professional speculators in New
York, Boston and Baltimore have been
betting for years that wheat wouldn't
stay up when it went up. They were al-
ways on the bear side of the market, and
their combined influence has done a
good deal to keep the price of wheat at
the low level, where the foreign pur-
chaser always wants it. If these uncon-
scientious agents of the transatlantic pur-
chaser have been acting on their own
traditional belief of late, and in accord-
ance with their time-honored custom,
they have been dropping a good deal of
money, and everybody will be glad of it.

Of course, Leiter has been doing a good
thing for the country. He has taught
America and all the rest an expensive but
much-needed lesson. Wheat is still
cheap when the price is compared with
the cost. There is room for it to go
higher. The higher it goes the better.

Nobody sympathizes with those who
are always on the bear side of the mar-
ket and conspire to keep down below the
level that it ought to occupy, but every-
body is willing to give credit to the
speculator who has the courage to get on
the right side of the market, and is able
to force the price of cash wheat to the
point, or somewhere near the point, that
it should be under the conditions of sup-

ply and demand that now prevail.
Though young Leiter has enriched him-
self, he has, incidentally, benefited the
country. If there were more Leiters and
fewer speculators of the Armour stripe
there would be cause for much thankfulness.

Chicago Wickedness.

As an evidence of the proverbial wick-
edness of Chicago a journal of that city
gives some startling statistics which it
gathered on a Sunday. The paper states
that in a small district of the western
metropolis, only one mile long and a half
mile wide, on the Sabbath evening in
question, there were gathered in theatres
10,000 persons, 30,000 in saloons, 3,000 in
houses of ill fame, and 500 in wine par-
lors and opium dens, making 64,000 per-
sons in all, while in the same district at
the same time but 1,214 persons were in
attendance upon religious services. Of
these 219 were in an Episcopal church,
208 in a Catholic church, 207 at Salvation
army service, 46 in an Adventist mission,
20 in a Free Methodist mission and 414
scattered about in other missions.

This is a remarkable showing, as dem-
onstrating the wickedness of the wick-
edest city. When the erratic Mr. Stead,
of England, wrote his book, "If Christ
Came to Chicago," the people of that city
resented the imputations he cast upon its
moral character and denounced him as a
liar. Perhaps he did overdo the thing
and exaggerated the naughtiness of the
town by the lake, but the truth is bad
enough.

The journal that went to the trouble
of compiling the above figures seems to
have made a pretty thorough canvass,
and until some other newspaper contra-
dicts the result of the inquiry with con-
vincing figures the outside public will be
forced to believe that there is a big mis-
sionary field in Chicago ripe for the har-
vest.

Delay is Dangerous.

The New York Press aptly suggests
that we need Hawaii to mark the Pacific
boundaries of the powers that have be-
gun to allot the plunder which has
tempted them beyond resistance. If Ha-
waii does not come to us, as it desires, it
will go to some other nation by prop-
riation. The cold-blooded determination
of the powers to take from China and
other nations what they are too feeble
to hold should be a convincing and
final reason why Hawaii should come
into the possession of the United States.
The situation which was foreseen by
American statesmen fifty years ago in
advocating the acquisition of Hawaii is
here. The United States cannot afford
to ignore the fact that it is desirable to
possess this key to the Pacific. Delay
may be disastrous.

A Kentucky man who had been dumb
suddenly recovered his power of speech
during a fit of anger. He was greatly
surprised to find himself talking and
changed the words he was uttering from
cursing to a fervent "thank God." The
most notable thing about the story is
that it comes from Kentucky, where the
most natural thing for the man to have
done after his miraculous recovery
would have been to invite the boys up to
the bar.

War on pension attorneys who are re-
sponsible for the cause of complaints
against the pension roll has been de-
clared. The threat of these hungry
wolves that they will make it warm for
Commissioner Evans amount to nothing.
The commander-in-chief of the Grand
Army of the Republic proposes to in-
vestigate the matter on behalf of that
great organization, which intends to see
to it that no man's name is on the roll
that does not deserve to be there.

Whether Senator Hanna is defeated or
not he will finish the contest conscious
that he stood throughout for the Repub-
lican party, and carried out in good faith
the spirit of the understanding entered
into and accepted by the Republican
voters of Ohio. Those who waited until
after the election to show their hands
might learn a profitable lesson in
straight-forward above-board politics
from his example.

Mr. Bryan should hasten back from
Mexico and muzzle the merchants of his
own state who are reporting that their
trade this year is fifty per cent better
than it was last year. He will, however,
have hard work to convince them that it
would have been still better for them had
the country been flooded with fifty cent
dollars instead of the good one hundred
cent gold standard dollars they have re-
ceived for their goods.

We are pleased to note that the Pitts-
burgh Dispatch publishes a correction
of its absurd Wheeling fake to the effect
that a movement was on foot to impeach
Governor Atkinson. It will now be in
order for the Dispatch to cut off its
Wheeling fakir who has been obtaining
money from it under false pretenses by
imposing upon it bogus goods in the
guise of sensational "news" from West
Virginia.

This is the day on which you, craft
your good resolutions to go into effect to-
morrow. Some of these fair promises to
yourself will be iron clad; others will be
made to be broken in a short time. "So
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end."

Down in Georgia a prisoner tried to es-
cape from the court room and the judge
pulled his gun and shot the man dead.
A jury acquitted the judge of the charge
of murder. It's a cold day when Georgia
courts of justice do not furnish some-
thing novel and interesting.

Actor Hatcliffe, who has been sen-
tenced to six months in prison for beat-
ing his wife, didn't get as much as he de-
served, but those who perjured themselves
in the effort to clear him of a charge
which was proven true deserve quite as
much as he received.

If you have an hour of leisure to-day
you cannot use it to better advantage
than in practicing writing "1898," so as
not to begin the new year in a spell of
forgetfulness.

To-morrow's Intelligence will contain
some valuable matter incident to the be-
ginning of the new year, which will be
worth preserving for reference. Be sure
that you have a copy.

And now we are told that China's fate
may be Poland's. In the meantime why

are not the powers passing over and
around Turkey?

The Chinese claim to be the inventors
of gunpowder. Now they are sorry they
did it.

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

Hair dye was invented to deceive peo-
ple into thinking that other people
think it's natural.

Some women go without saying; most
of them, however, say without going—
at least not until long afterward.

A girl never really cares much for a
man until she takes to running to the
window to watch him when he goes.

If a man turned over a new leaf ev-
ery time his wife wanted him, there
wouldn't be anything left of him but
the covers.

If the minister were to say he was
going to throw a hymnbook at the rich-
est dressed woman there every woman
in church would duck under the pew.

It will probably always be a mystery
whether a woman would rather wear
something that nobody is wearing, or
something that everybody is wearing.—
New York Press.

Words of Wise Men.

Kindness out of season destroys au-
thority.—Sandi.

It is never wise to slip the bands of
discipline.—Lew Wallace.

Age is a matter of feeling, not of
years.—George William Curtis.

The best teachers of humanity are the
lives of great men.—Fowler.

I desire no future that will break the
ties of the past.—George Eliot.

God alone can properly bind up a
bleeding heart.—Joseph Roux.

Only evil grows of itself, while for
goodness we want effort and courage.—
Amiel.

Be sure the girl loves you before you
paw your watch to buy her a present.
—Judge.

For an epitaph: "He believed in a
free gospel; it never cost him a cent."
—Ram's Horn.

Nobody can give you wiser advice
than yourself; you will never err if you
listen to your own suggestions.—Cicero.

If a man cannot be a Christian in the
place where he is he cannot be a Chris-
tian anywhere.—Henry Ward Beecher.

There is a healthful hardness about
real dignity that never dreads contact
and communion with others, however
humble.—Washington Irving.

Insincerity in a man's own heart
must make all his enjoyments, all that
concerns him, unreal; so that his whole
life must seem like a merely dramatic
representation.—Hawthorne.

Other blessings may be taken away,
but if we have acquired a good friend
by goodness we have a blessing which
improves in value when others fail. It is
even heightened by sufferings.—Chan-
ning.

Language.

If a pioneer goes forth, how is he
first?

If a tramp takes a tramp to the
woods, are there two of him?

If a man is fast in the meshes of toll,
is he leading a fast life?

If three and two make five after din-
ner, why could they not before?

If a business firm is shaky, how is it
that it is a firm business?

If a prisoner turns pale, can he be on
bail or is the bail on him?

If a capitalist gives assent to a
scheme, may he not give a million?

If a sighing lover cannot express
himself, why not send himself by mail?

If bread is five cents a loaf, can the
baker's boy take a loaf for five cents
any time he feels lazy?—Peck's Fun.

PASSING PLEASANTIES.

A Hatful Thing.—Bertha.—Mr. Sweet-
er asked me for a kiss last evening.

Edith.—Charley is such a queer fel-
low!

Just behind her amiable smile Bertha
is wondering what the hateful thing
means, anyway.—Boston Transcript.

Proof Positive.—Mr. Hlland.—Home-
wood must be very deeply in love with
Miss Point Breeze.

Mr. Halket.—Why?

Mr. Hlland.—He is wearing the neck-
tie she gave him for a Christmas pres-
ent.—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Had Been There Before.—Mr. Cit-
man.—My dear, let's take a cottage in
the country.

Mrs. Citman.—Why didn't you pro-
pose that earlier? It is too late now to
make a garden.

Mr. Citman.—Yes; that's why I did
not propose it earlier.—New York
Weekly.

Self-Refutation.—A bald-headed pro-
fessor recently delivered a lecture en-
titled "The Air We Breathe" before an
East London audience. In the course
of his remarks he said: "It is quite im-
possible for any person to live without
air." At this a small boy called out:
"Ow about yourself, guv'ner?"—London
Tit-Bits.

New Defense.—"You say that bur-
glar's defense was a plea of insomnia.
Don't you mean kleptomania?"

"No, I mean insomnia. He claimed
that he could not sleep of nights, and
hated to have his time going to waste
that way."—Indianapolis Journal.

The Dying Year.

I have no tear for the dying year.
No wretch of vain regret
To place with those upon the bier
That the world will soon forget—
Let hopeless others turn and gaze
Back on the fading past
And sigh again for blissful days
That were too sweet to last—
I have no tear for the dying year
That the world will soon forget.

I have no tear for the dying year.
No sigh for yesterday;
The spreading future stretches clear,
For days too sweet to last—
Let him for whom the sun has set
Bemoan the fading past;
To him a wretch of vain regret
For days too sweet to last—
I have no tear for the dying year,
Since Hope still points the way.
—S. E. Kiser in Cleveland Leader.

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

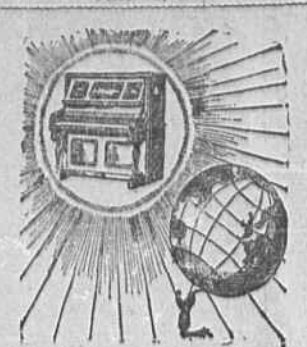
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A LITTLE WHITE LAMB

She Wanted to Send Her Brother in
Heaven for a Christmas Gift.

New York World: Two pennies drop-
ped on the ledge of the brass-barred
window. The postal clerk looked up.
He was out of sorts. Two holidays in
succession had been too much for him.
A little golden head appeared, just top-
pling the ledge.

"Well?" snapped the clerk.

He had just opened his window in the
postoffice yesterday morning, and eight
hours of the hardest kind of work were
in sight. The little girl, who had been
first in the line, hesitated a moment.
Then she plucked up courage.

"Please, mister," she began, "I want
a stamp for this to send it to my little
brother."

In her hands she held up a package
done up in brown paper and roughly
tied with a bit of coarse twine. It was
almost falling apart in her tiny hands.
She held it out to the clerk, who took
it with the same grace that he had been
taking thousands of packages during
the holidays.

He looked at the address to see
whether it was foreign or domestic.
Then he looked back at the child.
There was a queer look in his eye that
had not been there before. Postoffice
clerks see many strange packages and
any quantity of them addressed to
"Santa Claus." But this one was not
for Santa Claus. It read:

Robert McNaughton,
Heaven.

For a moment the clerk hesitated.
The little one took it for a refusal to ac-
cept the parcel because she had not paid
enough for the postage. Quickly the
tiny hands fumbled at a little purse
where two more pennies were in keep-
ing. These were on the window ledge in
a moment with the other two.

"There's two more pennies, sir," said
the little one. "Please take it now. I
haven't any more pennies."

"Why, my child," said the clerk, who
had babies of his own at home, "I—"

"Oh, please," broke in the little one,
"it's for my little brother in heaven. He
died last week and perhaps he is so
strange in heaven that God has forgot-
ten to give him any Christmas present.
And he'd be so disappointed."

Tears were in the clerk's eyes by this
time—he was thinking of the little
dixen-haired one of his own at home.
Tears were in the child's eyes, too, and
the little lip was quivering.

"Oh, sir, it's all right," she insisted.
"This is my very own to give away. Santa
Claus brought it to me on Christ-
mas. My papa doesn't know and my
mamma doesn't know. They cried on
Christmas 'cause Robbie had gone to
live with the angels. But I want to send
something to Robbie all myself."

The little one was crying now. Her
sobs came fast and deep. Her poor lit-
tle heart was on the point of breaking.

"Robbie went away to God last
week!" she sobbed, "and little Elsie
has no one left to play with!"

The clerk blew his nose very hard
and then he explained that the mail did
not go where her little brother was
so happy with the angels. It wasn't be-
cause she didn't have enough pennies to
pay for it, it was because the steam cars
couldn't go there. He was as tender as
he could be, and woman in black who
had come on the line that was kept
standing there because of the little one's
pleading, began to weep.

So the clerk handed back the package
to the child and she turned away with
tears of bitter disappointment in her
eyes.

"Robbie will have no Christmas," she
sobbed.

Just then the cover came off her pre-
cious package. It held a little white
lamb, tied with a pink ribbon.

"Gimme ten twos," chirped a voice,
and the clerk turned back to the routine
of his work.

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